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Islamic Council

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President Mohamed Ershad

Your Excellency,

Assalaam Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu.

May the blessings and mercy of Allah be upon you and the people of Bangladesh.

In June 1985 I wrote to you invoking you magnanimity for the release from detention of Colonel Sayyed Farook Reehman. That appeal was made in the holy month of Ramadan as in the Islamic tradition it is a month of mercy and forgiveness.

Unfortunately, Colonel Reehman is understood to be still in solitary confinement. Needless to say, his prolonged detention, and the uncertainty attached to it, must be a source of great strain and misery for his family.

I once again appeal to Your Excellency to show clemency to Colonel Reehman and order his release. I am convinced that such an act of clemency would be greatly welcomed and appreciated by all human rights organisations, as well as Colonel Reehman's family and friends, and would greatly enhance your and your government's image both at home and abroad.

With my highest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General

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